

The Word For The Weak
 — Weekly Newsletter —
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“For when I am weak, then I am strong.”
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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THE WORD IS: “GREATER”

SAYING THESE THINGS:

Last week I was pondering whether the next word might be an extension of the word Great. While so engrossed in my preponderance, the Lord indicated to me that I could pick this week’s word. So, I did and chose the word “GREATER”, in keeping with an already established theme.

It made sense, since it is the second word in a series of three which all have “great” in them.

Many years ago, I was thinking about Scripture, and these three words came to my mind,

“GREATER, STRONGER, SHARPER.”

All three words come from a several Bible verses. Here is a sample:

GREATER

John 1:50-51

50 Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see **greater** things than these.” **51** And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

STRONGER

Luke 11:21-22

21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. **22** But when a **stronger** than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.

SHARPER

Hebrews 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and **sharper** than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **13** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Of course, we know that Scripture testifies of Jesus, who is the embodiment of God’s Word.

Jesus is the one Who is GREATER, STRONGER, SHARPER.

But let’s no find out how many times “greater” occurs in Scripture.

NKJV reports “GREATER” as occurring about 90** times in the Old and New Testaments combined. Here are the first and last words in both.

Genesis 1:16

16 Then God made two great lights: the **greater** light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.

Zechariah 12:7-9

7 “The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become **greater** than that of Judah. **8** In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them. **9** It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Matthew 11:11

11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one **greater** than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is **greater** than he.

3 John 1:1-4

1 The Elder,

To the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth:

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. **3** For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth.

4 I have no **greater** joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Additionally, in 2019, I wrote a short treatise on what I call The Doctrine of Greater Things. [See Letter 814a at this link.](#)

** The reason I say “about”, is because the total word count also includes word occurrences in both front and end matter, such as prologue and epilogue descriptions of the related books. I chose not to count them, nor do I want to spend the time isolating each occurrence. The reader is free to do so at their own discretion.

May our Father grant us His Light to Know, Live, and Love His **Word**.

Amen.